

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the ABSTRACT of the above-mentioned application with the following:

A schema for a document generation system and a method of generating a document. In one embodiment the schema includes a template root element; a template information element; a data table element; and an instances element. In another embodiment, the method includes generating one or more composition elements. Each composition element is configurable to include a level, and is capable of manifesting itself as a document page, a page-level overlay, or an instance-level, conditional overlay. The method also includes laying composition elements on a rendering surface such that elements with a high level replace elements with a low level; wherein each composition element includes pre-authored formal content.